



STORY

Democracy Protests Spread From New York to Other U.S. Cities

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http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/july-dec11/wallstreet_10-07.html

Estimated Time: One 45-minute class period with possible extension

Student worksheet included (reading comprehension and discussion questions without answers)

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are young people across America protesting?
2. What is the name of the movement that saw young protesters taking to the streets around the famous New York financial district?
3. According to the story, hundreds of marchers were arrested on what famous New York bridge?
4. Many people are comparing the 'Occupy Wall Street' protests to what major U.S. war?
5. Similar protests have popped up in what major cities around the country?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Would you join this protest movement if you could? Why or why not?

2. Do you think protesters should have a clearer message? Why or why not?

3. How do you think wealth is distributed in American society? (you can compare it to other countries here: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/businessdesk/2011/09/world-inequality-trot-the-glob.html>)

4. What are the effects of the way wealth is spread?